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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau Of Investigation
~~United States Department of Justice~~
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It has been brought to the attention of the Commission that certain discrepancies exist between the photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald holding a rifle and the rifle which is now FBI Exhibit C 14. The photograph to which I have reference appears on Commission Exhibit 133 and is the photograph which is enlarged as Commission Exhibit 134. The particular discrepancy which has been called to our attention is in the stock. You will note that the photograph shows a straight stock whereas the rifle itself has a curve at the point of the hand grip. It is possible, of course, that the angle of the photograph could account for this difference. I would suggest that the FBI laboratory attempt to photograph the rifle at the exact angle as it appears in the above-mentioned photograph, so that we may more accurately compare the two photographs to determine whether they are photographs of the same rifle.

In addition, it has been brought to our attention that in certain newspaper reproductions of this photograph, the rifle appears to be without a scope. We have written to the newspaper concerned in order to obtain copies of the photograph and upon receiving them we will submit them to you for analysis.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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Mr. Shaffer
Mr. Redlich